

## **CLAIMS**

1. A method for the treatment of pain comprising:
  - a) providing:
    - i) a subject with pain;
    - ii) a combined formulation comprising tramadol and propoxyphene; and,
  - b) administering said combined formulation to said subject such that said pain is reduced.
- 10 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said subject has been previously treated with tramadol monotherapy.
- 15 3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said combined formulation of tramadol and propoxyphene is formulated as a tablet suitable for oral administration.
4. The method of Claim 1, wherein said combined formulation of tramadol and propoxyphene is formulated as a tablet further comprising a controlled release solid dosage form suitable for oral administration.
- 20 5. The method of Claim 4, wherein said controlled release solid dosage form further comprises an initial rapid release component.
6. The method of Claim 1, wherein said combined formulation of tramadol and propoxyphene is formulated as tablet further comprising a rapidly dissolving solid dosage form suitable for oral administration.
- 25 7. The method of Claim 1, wherein said combined formulation of tramadol and propoxyphene is formulated as a sublingual dosage form.

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8. The method of Claim 1, wherein the combined formulation of tramadol and propoxyphene is formulated as an intranasal dosage form.